

Swedes Provide Thrills Galore

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Wycombe Wanderers 5, Halmia (Sweden) 3.

I WISH every football fan in High Wycombe had seen this game instead of the 1,400 who braved the rain. For it was the finest 90 minutes entertainment I have had for a very long time.

The Swedish second division side led by full international

Hakan Sjoo, set off at a cracking pace and took a two-goal lead over a bewildered Wycombe in the first 25 minutes.

It's a long time since I have seen an attack like this Swedish one. Their forwards swept up in a straight line of five, interchanging positions and running off the ball brilliantly.

But eventually Wanderers began to get the hang of the Swedes and two goals from Samuels levelled the score at half-time.

Halmia's first came from a terrific long shot from left-half Georgsson and the second from dashing centre-forward Sandqvist.

Wanderers really piled it on in the second half, but it was the Swedes who took the lead again with a good goal from Meldegren. Then Wanderers mounted their blitz. After a prolonged goalmouth scramble in which half the Wycombe team had shots blocked, Len Worley rounded it off with a fine goal after a great dribble.

And Bates hit the bar before goal-digger Horseman brought down the final curtain with two more goals.

Svensson in the Swede's goal pulled off some brilliant saves, as did the not-to-be-outdone Maskell at the other end.

How nice it was to see the crowd wait to clap the players off the field, even when they had to wait in the rain for them to oblige the autograph hunters.